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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$3,160.00 to cover: \$2,350.00 - Five (5) month extension of time fee; \$810.00 - RCE fee;
- Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); 2.
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